

**Minutes of the Veneta City Council and Veneta Planning Commission  
Joint Work Session  
December 20, 2005**

City Council: Mayor T. J. Brooker, Darrell Carman, Thomas Cotter, and Marion Esty

Planning  
Commission: Chairman Jim Bruvold, James Dean, James Eagle-Eye, and Len Goodwin

Absent: Councilor Fred Miller and Planning Commissioner Lily Rees

Staff: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Brian Issa, Veneta Planning Official; Margaret Boutell, Community Services Director; Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder; and Carol Heinkel, Lane Council of Governments

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Mayor Brooker called the City Council to order and Planning Chair Jim Bruvold called the Veneta Planning Commission to order and at 6:05 p.m.

Carol Heinkel from Lane Council of Governments advised the Council and Planning Commission that she would be showing a power point presentation on the results of Veneta's community meeting on Region 2050. Most of the meeting focused on how Veneta would fit into the regional growth strategy. Carol said she would like to get feedback after tonight's work session.

The Region 2050 citizen involvement process took place over a seven month period during which regional goals and alternative growth scenarios were presented at 14 community meetings and to outreach groups, a newspaper insert was published region-wide which included a survey, and information was mailed to 1,135 people on an interested parties mailing list.

Fifty six people participate in the Veneta meeting which was the second highest number to Eugene.

The three top goals region-wide were (1) land use and development patterns, (2) environment, and (3) education. Veneta also selected the economy and community facilities as top goals.

Carol said the final regional growth concept will probably be a blending of all three growth scenarios that were presented. She said she was surprised that a lot of people understood and supported nodal type development.

The next steps in the Region 2050 process will be to (1) develop a regional growth management strategy, (2) have each city decide how detailed they want their strategy to be, (3) enter into intergovernmental agreements with the county and state, and (4) obtain the endorsement of local Planning Commissions, elected officials, and state agencies.

In response to a question by Marion Esty, Carol said the plan will give local autonomy in the overall planning process. Currently there are administrative rules and state goals which apply to land use. The Region 2050 plans may include strategies that do not comply with state rules but will be agreed to by the county and state. She said she feels it will be good for small cities. All

participants need to adopt intergovernmental agreements; however they do not need to include any land use actions in their strategy. She said every community may be different.

In response to a question from Len Goodwin, Carol said the agreements will be individual agreements with all of the communities in the region, it never was intended for the cities to enter into agreements with each other.

Once the agreements are endorsed by the local officials it will be sent to the Land Conservation and Development Commission for acceptance.

the Regional Growth Management Strategy has two components: (1) establish a regional growth concept and vision and (2) establish goals, objectives, and actions. Carol said there may be some regional actions taken but it's not necessary. An example of an action that an individual community may want to take would be to amend its Comprehensive Plan to designate urban reserve areas which will help during an annexation to extend an Urban Growth Boundary.

An example of a concept would be a map that outlines an existing UGB and future growth areas. The map would not be a Comprehensive Plan map but would be used as a planning tool. Amending a Comprehensive Plan map would be a followup action.

Carol presented a concept map prepared for Veneta which shows four potential growth areas that were identified by staff and citizens who attended the community meetings. A projected future population is tied to each potential future growth area. Currently 2.4 persons per household is used to estimate population in Lane County. She said under-building was a major factor with communities that started to develop prior to adopting zoning laws.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Carol Heinkel said the advantage of having land use actions in their strategy is that it makes implementation of those actions easier because it has been acknowledged at the regional and state level. The urban reserve area will add 30 years to the UGB to provide a 50 year supply of land. That makes it easier for communities to do facility plans and set Systems Development Charges for capital improvements. She said preferred growth is not based on past trends but on a visioning process.

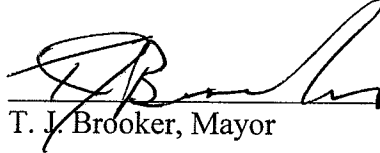
In response to a question from Len Goodwin about citizen involvement and post acknowledgment of amendments based on actions included in a strategy, Carol said that still needs to be done for all land use actions that are adopted locally. The difference is, the state will look at the strategy and not the state rules. She said the state wants the process to work because of the criticism for having such a rigid set of rules. They want to work together with local communities to collaborate on regional problem solving.

In response to a question from Len Goodwin, Carol said the agreements will give local communities regional support. For example, ODOT is involved in the process and they will prioritize improvements based on the agreements. She said ODOT has a big interest because the state highways will be impacted by the projected 50 year growth.

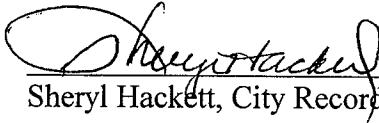
Carol said the strategy and agreements are not land use actions. They are agreements to take action in the future. She said some examples of actions Veneta may want to include in their strategy would be to amend the Comprehensive Plan to add urban reserves, change density thresholds, and to address transportation issues such as making Hwy 126 a priority.

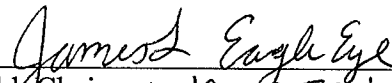
In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Carol said the agreements will have escape clauses in case conditions in the future change. She said the policy board plans to meet again when the new ten-year census data comes back so they can keep an eye on the future. She said it is best to deal with issues as they come up, especially those that impact growth.

Mayor Brooker adjourned the City Council at 6:59 p.m. Planning Chair Jim Bruvold called for a five minute break after which the Planning Commission will hold their regular meeting.

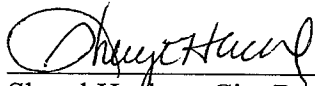
  
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